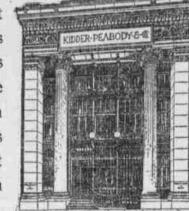
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living is being made by the miners of ther was dead. His brother and grand through the Pennsylvania mining dis- from the other boys and that school

Col. Roosevelt was accompanied on his tour by John Mitchell and Fr. Curran. Wilkes-Barre, but many of the smaller grandmother's?" asked Justice Salmon towns near by.

Col. Roosevelt says he didn't wish to make a sociological study nor write a treatise on the industrial conditions in go into the homes of the miners and see for himself how they lived and what their needs were. He visited the homes of many miners and was in-most in-stances much gratified. He found living conditions in some of the settlements inhabited largely or altogether by immigrants who had not yet adopted the American standard of life, very bad. He thought such conditions should be eradicated, but found much official indiffer-

Col. Roosevelt has this to say regard-

ing conditions in general:

"All the people with whom I spoke who were competent to judge-including, instance, Fr. Curran and John Mitchell-said that conditions had improved during their lifetime; that things were better, and not worse, than they were 20 or 30 years ago; but they were equally emphatic in saying what fadeed was obvious that conditions were

still very far from being satisfactory. "It is unfortunate that so many peo le seem unable to combine acceptance of the fact that there has been progress anywhere with acceptance of the fact hat further progress is needed."

It is his confirmed belief, and that of the better class of miners also, Col. Roosevelt says, that the immigrants should be thoroughly sifted before they are permitted to do to the mining dis-

Describing a reception in one of the miner's houses which particularly pleased him and where he broke forth into song with the best of them, Col. Roosevelt

"One of the treasures, eagerly shown by the way, was a book about my There was a piano in the corner of the dining room in this house, and the mistress asked if any of us could so much of the chorus as we knew. When I say 'us,' I mean the members of both families, myself and my assoould get into the room with us. I hope my hostess and the neighbors enjoyed themselves as much as I did."

Col. Roosevelt's conclusions are that the Pennsylvania miner is an intelligent decent American citizen, on the ascending scale of material and social happt-

STORK SPECIAL HITS TEXAS.

Applicants for Babies Overpower Car Porters at Houston.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 24.-A carload of nables from the New York Foundling ospital reached here yesterday.

As soon as the car stopped, the pe ters lost control of the big gates separating the station and the train shed, hundred or more baby enthusiasts

and folk afflicted with curiosity flocked

There were 35 babies on the car. Five bables were destined for Houston homes The owners of slips calling for this five rowded on the car and picked out the

oungsters whose numbers corresponded with the ones they carried. There were 52 babies on the train when it left New York. Of these, some found homes in Buffalo, others in Chlcago. At New Orleans, five were left Fourteen of those who left Houston are going to Waço and 16 to San Antonio.

BOY SHUT IN FLAT 2 YEARS. Tells Court Mother Locked Him Up When She Left the House.

New York, Dec. 24. Henry De Groff, a delicate looking boy 11 years old, told Justice Salmon in the children's court Thursday that his mother, Mrs. Annie De Groff, had kept him locked in their flat for two years. Once or twice, h said, she had taken him to the Bronx to see his older brother and his grandmother. Then she kept tight hold of

his hand all the time. Henry's hair fell over his shoulders. He said it had not been cut since he had been immured. Robert M. Cosgrave, the Gerry agent who took Henry from his mother, told Justice Salmon that the rooms at 1870 Third avenue were far from clean and that when he found the boy he was in rags.

The attention of the society was called to the case, he said, by notes which Henry had written on scraps of pape and thrown out of the window. These had been picked up by neighbors. They were appeals for clothes that he might

go out on the street.

Henry seemed dazed at being sudden New York, Dec. 24.—While all the ly thrust into the crowded court room, conditions are far from ideal and some He talked slowly and in so low a voice are positively vicious, real progress in that Justice Salmon had to lean for social surroundings and the standard of ward to hear him. He said that his fawestern Pennsylvania, according to Cot. mother fived in the Bronx; he did not Theodore Roosevelt. These views are know where. He went to school up to published in The Outlook, as the result two years ago, when his mother told of the observations he made on his trip him that he would learn wickedness learning was no good anyhow. Then she This is practically the first utterance began to lock him in whenever she went by Col. Roosevelt in The Outlook since out. He could not go to school or play

with any of the boys. "Do you mean that for two years you have never beent out more than They visited not only Scranton and the one or two trips you made to your sometimes I went into the kitchen,"

said Henry. The boy said that two weeks ago he decided to get out while his mother was the anthracite regions, but simply to away and crawled through the window to the fire escape. He was four stories above the street and had just started down when his mother came in and brought him back,

Mrs. De Groff had been notified to be at court, but she did not appear.

GIRL SHOT UP TOWN.

Coast to Coast Rider Only Wanted to Awaken Somebody.

Denver, Col., Dec. 24.-Nan J. Aspin wall rode into Denver Thursday, picturesquely attired in cowgirl fashion, riding astride her handsome mare, to rest for a few hours before resuming her journey on horseback from San Franeisco to New York, of which she has completed 2,198 miles.

Miss Aspinwall says she is almost worn out. "And my disposition has undergone a complete change," she said, "for I was cheerful when I started on this wretched horseback trip across the continent, but now I carry a perpetual

"Talk about western chivalry! I failed to encounter any of it. I came near getting 'pinched' at Mitchell on the top of the pass. There's where my grouch grew so hig I couldn't contain it all and it overflowed and ran through that little town. I couldn't awaken a soul there, and finally I rode through he streets shooting into every window Men came, out with guns then, and had to ride hard to get away."

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